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The Security Council,

Expressing its grave concern over the increasing escalation of hostilities in Lebanon and Israel since 12 July 2006,

Appalled by the large numbers of civilian casualties, extensive damage to civilian infrastructure and hundreds of thousands internally displaced persons,

Emphasizing the critical need for urgent humanitarian supplies and mindful of the looming threat of even greater humanitarian catastrophe,

1. *Calls* for an immediate and full cessation of hostilities for humanitarian purposes for a period of 72 hours;

2. *Urges* all parties concerned and the international community to provide urgently all required humanitarian assistance to civilian population in Lebanon;

3. *Calls* for extraordinary diplomatic efforts to arrive without further delay at a political solution to the crisis;

4. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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